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Dr. Walter G. (Walt) Copan recently joined the National Renewable Energy Laboratory Technology Transfer team. His responsibilities include licensing and commercialization of NREL technologies, industry partnering, enterprise development, and supporting Initiatives for Proliferation Prevention with the Former Soviet Union (see [www.nnsa.doe.gov/na-20/ipp.shtml](http://www.nnsa.doe.gov/na-20/ipp.shtml) ).

Prior to joining NREL, Dr. Copan was Managing Director, Technology Transfer and Licensing for The Lubrizol Corporation, where he was responsible for Lubrizol's global external relationships for technology, and the corporation's technology transfer and licensing business. In this capacity, he led Corporate Intellectual Asset Management for financial and strategic business impact, and corporate venturing and new business incubation. He provided leadership in international commercial development of new technologies, as well as corporate technology strategy. He contributed to developing alliances as well as mergers and acquisitions options for Lubrizol, and in strategic planning.

Previous assignments in Dr. Copan's 28 year career with Lubrizol include a variety of leadership roles in research, product development, strategy, new ventures, business development and commercial management. He also headed Lubrizol Petroleum Chemicals Technology based in the UK, with responsibility for product development, program management and technical service for Lubrizol's business in Europe, the Middle East, Africa and the Former Soviet Union.

His undergraduate degrees from Case Western Reserve University are in chemistry and music. He chose chemistry and business over the option of a musical career (opera, vocal performance) and and received his Ph.D. in Physical Chemistry at Case Western Reserve University.

He has authored numerous professional publications and presentations. Technical and professional society memberships include the American Chemical Society, Council for Chemical Research, Society of Automotive Engineers, the Association of University Technology Managers, and the Licensing Executives Society. Within the LES USA & Canada he serves as Trustee and Chairman of the Energy, Chemicals and Materials Sector. Dr. Copan also chairs the LES International Chemicals, Energy and Environment Committee and serves and International Delegate to the LESI.